

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1341 - SB 1400

February 21, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enhances, from a class C to a class A misdemeanor, the offense of publishing or distributing any campaign literature in opposition of any candidate that is knowingly false.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-111(e), a class C misdemeanor is punishable by either no greater than 30 days in jail, or a fine not to exceed \$50, or a combination of both; a class A misdemeanor is punishable by either no greater than 11 months, 29 days in jail, or a fine not to exceed \$2,500, or a combination of both.
- It is unknown how many violations have occurred pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-19-142; however, there will not be a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures. In addition, any impact resulting from the enhanced penalty is not expected to generate any significant additional fine revenue or result in any significant increase in local incarceration costs.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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